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BOIL WATER ORDER FOR DESCANSO DETENTION FACILITY *Test Results Show Bacteria Present in Drinking Water Supply*

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health issued a Boil Water Order this afternoon for the County of San Diego operated Descanso Detention Facility. Water samples indicate the presence of coliform bacteria in the water system.

Based on the sample results, the County has issued the Boil Water Order as a standard precaution to protect public health.

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful bacteria may be present. Sample results indicate that Coliforms were found in several different sampling locations and this is a warning of potential problems. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with a severely compromised immune system.

The Boil Water Order is being issued to ensure all water used by the consumers is free from contamination. The Boil Water Order will remain in effect until the distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples confirm the absence of bacteria in the water supply.

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